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WATERFUND HOST STAKEHOLDER MISSION TO DEMONSTRATE FUNDING TO IMPACT ROLE IN THE WATER SECTOR

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) in March 2026 convened a high-level, multi-agency stakeholder field visit across the Mt. Kenya and Coastal regions, the mission brought together representatives from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, the National Treasury & Economic Planning, the Water Resources Authority, county governments, and implementing partners. reflecting a unified approach to sector development and accountability.

The field visits provided stakeholders with an opportunity to directly observe project outcomes, engage with implementing agencies and communities, and gain a deeper understanding of both achievements and existing challenges. This approach strengthened accountability and reinforced confidence among development partners by clearly demonstrating the impact of investments. The visits took place in the Counties of Nyeri, Laikipia, Isiolo, Taita Taveta, Mombasa, Kilifi and Tana River.

The Mt. Kenya and Upper Eastern region mission, led by Mr. Willis Ombai, WaterFund's Chief Executive Officer, commenced the field engagements in Isiolo, Laikipia and Nyeri Counties. In Isiolo County, the delegation visited the Waso Comprehensive School, Mwangaza, and Mater boreholes under the Isiolo CLSG II Water Supply Interventions, implemented by the Isiolo Water and Sewerage Company (IWASCO), which are significantly improving water access in arid areas. In Laikipia County, the Nanyuki Referral Hospital Public Sanitation Facility and the New Nanyuki High Tank, implemented by the Nanyuki Water and Sewerage Company (NAWASCO), demonstrated strengthened urban water and sanitation infrastructure. The delegation also assessed the Ngushishi WRUA Catchment Conservation Project, highlighting the importance of protecting water sources to sustain supply systems. In Nyeri County, the Mt. Kenya West (Naromoru) Community Forest Association Project and the Nyeri OBA Sewer Extension Project, implemented by the Nyeri Water and Sewerage Company (NYEWASCO), illustrated an integrated approach to environmental conservation and infrastructure development.

The Coastal region mission, led by the Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager for Fund Development, extended these engagements to Taita Taveta, Mombasa, Tana River and Kilifi Counties. In Taita Taveta County, the delegation visited the Manga Public Sanitation Facility, Nyangoro Maktau Water Supply Project, and Kwa Ndoto Borehole, implemented in collaboration with the County Government and Tavevo Water and Sewerage Company Limited, all of which have enhanced access to safe water and sanitation. In Mombasa County, the Shimo La Tewa Decentralized Treatment Facility and the Juda Vikwatani project, implemented by Mombasa Water Supply and Sanitation Company Limited (MOWASSCO), showcased innovative urban sanitation solutions. In Kilifi County, the Timboni Public Sanitation Facility and Gongoni Marereni Water Project, implemented by Malindi Water and Sewerage Company Limited (MAWASCO), addressed service gaps in growing communities. In Tana River County, the Golbanti-Odha Tana Water Project, implemented by Welthungerhilfe, demonstrated the value of strategic partnerships in reaching underserved populations.

The Donor and Stakeholder mission highlighted that sustained donor trust is built through consistent engagement, evidence of results, and openness in addressing challenges. By

convening diverse stakeholders and fostering dialogue, WaterFund enhances shared ownership of development outcomes while promoting continuous learning and adaptive programming. Through this partnership-driven approach, WaterFund continues to position itself as a credible and trusted steward of development financing. The stakeholder engagements not only validated the impact of ongoing investments but also strengthened the foundation for long-term collaboration, ensuring that water and sanitation interventions deliver sustainable and meaningful benefits to communities across Kenya.



Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO, WaterFund, and H.E. Joshua Irungu (right), Governor Laikipia County, during a courtesy visit at the Governor's office



The delegation poses for a group photo at the Governor's office in Laikipia County



H.E. Mutahi Kahiga (center), Governor, Nyeri County, leads the discussion during a courtesy call visit by the delegation



The delegation poses for group picture at the Governor's office in Nyeri County



Mr. David Kiprop (center), County Commissioner, Isiolo County, hosts the delegation for an official meeting



Mr. Josphat Biwott (center), County Commissioner, Nyeri County, during a meeting with the delegation



Hon. Kibibi Abdallah Khamis (center), CEC, Water, Mombasa County, chairing a meeting at MOWASSCO offices



Mr. Martin Muchiu (center), Chairperson BoT, NAWASCO, chairs deliberations with the delegation at NAWASCO offices



Eng. Peter G. Kahuthu (center), MD, NYEWASCO, during an official meeting with the delegation at NYEWASCO offices in Nyeri County



Ms. Gladys Njeri (fourth from the left), MD, NAROWASCO, in a group photo with the delegation



Eng. Peter G. Kahuthu (fourth from the right), MD NYEWASCO with the delegation



Mr. Abdullahi Sora (fourth from the right), MD, IWASCO with the delegation at IWASCO offices



Mr. Benson Mwangoi (fifth from the right), MD, TAVEVO poses for a group photo with the delegation



Inspection of the solarization of Mwangaza borehole in Isiolo Town





Site inspection of the Kiwanjani treatment plant in Isiolo County



Monitoring the complete works at Mater Borehole in Isiolo County





A view of Nyangoro Maktau intake in Taita Taveta County



Assessing the rehabilitation of overseer tanks under the Nyangoro Maktau Water Supply Project in Taita Taveta County



Inspection of the Kwa Ndoto solarization borehole and elevated steel tank site in Taita Taveta County



Group picture at the elevated steel tank at Tarasaa High School, Tana River County



Elevated steel tank at Tarasaa High School in Tana River County



Complete elevated steel tank at Waso Primary Borehole, Isiolo Town





Site inspection of the rehabilitation of 1,000m³ New Nanyuki High Tank, Laikipia County



Site visit at Naromoru DTF in Naromoru Town, Nyeri County





Inspection of the300m³ reinforced concrete tank in Naromoru, Nyeri County



The operations manager guides the delegation on a tour at the OBA Sewer Extension Project site in Nyeri Town





The delegation at the 1,040m³ zincalume steel water tank site in Nyeri County



The mission team at Timboni PSF, Kilifi County



Inspection of Nanyuki Referral Hospital PSF in Nanyuki



Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager Programmes, WaterFund, explaining the impact of PSF's at the local markets



Inspection of Manga PSF in Taita Taveta County



Ms. Ruth Nganga (left), General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, explains the impact of PSF's to the delegation in Taita Taveta County



The delegation poses for group photo at Shimo la Tewa DTF, Mombasa County,





Complete Kadzuhoni water kiosk under Gongoni-Marereni Pipeline Project in Kilifi County.



Assessing the progress of Mt. Kenya West (Naromoru) CFA Wood Lot Project in Nyeri County









The delegation inspects the water pan (centre) and shallow well (right) under the Golbanti–Odha Tana Water Project in Tana River County



Left picture: Ms. Ruth Nganga (left), GM, FD, WaterFund and Mr. Timothy Odipo (right), Principal Economist, National Treasury, inspecting the Kadzuhoni water kiosk in Kilifi County

Right picture: Inspection of Manga PSF in Taita Taveta County





Left picture: The delegation at Timboni PSF site in Malindi, Kilifi County

Right picture: Group picture of the delegation at MAWASCO offices in Kilifi County



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